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Ex-officer sentenced to prison for assault

William Melendez, a former Inkster police officer, was sentenced last week to 13 months to 10 years for his assault on a motorist during a traffic stop in 2015.

Melendez, 47, was convicted by a jury Nov. 19 of assault with intent to do great bodily harm in the vicious beating of Floyd Dent of Detroit, along with a charge of misconduct in office. He was immediately remanded to jail following that verdict.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Vonda Evans sentenced Melendez Feb. 2 on the assault charge and also sentenced him

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to 90 days in jail on the misconduct in office charge, with credit for time served at the Wayne County Jail since his conviction.

Evans' ruling did not seem to agree with sentencing guidelines which range from two years and five months to four years and nine months. Prosecutors had urged Evans, in a court memorandum, to

exceed the sentencing guidelines, as they said, the guidelines do not adequately reflect “the absolute betrayal of the trust and authority placed in the defendant to protect the community and uphold the laws of this state.”

Melendez’ attorney James Thomas asked the judge not to send his client to prison and

cited his actions as a police officer and in the military.

Evans, however, told Melendez in court that his conduct and the beating of Dent were “disgusting.”

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy issued a prepared statement following the verdict stating, “Improper, predatory, and illegal police conduct will not be tolerated. The vast majority of police officers are hard working law enforcers. Former officer Melendez was not one of them.”

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Celebrate City plans month of Black History events

Black History Month is again this year an official celebration in the City of Romulus.

Mayor LeRoy D. Burcuff and the members of the city council approved an official resolution and proclamation declaring February as Black History Month.

“While it might be implied, I wanted to make an outward showing of support to our community that Black History month is important to me and to our city,” Burcuff said.

Events are planned throughout the month to commemorate Black History Month, according to officials.

The Come Unity Soul Food Dinner took place earlier this week. This free soul food dinner for the community has been the unofficial kickoff to Black History Month in Romulus for more than 20 years. The event is co-organized by the Rev. Rita Talley and her daughter, Minister Tina Talley, in partnership with Romulus Community Schools, Romulus Ministerial Alliance and the City of Romulus.

The event took place at Romulus High School and a special black history program followed the dinner which is authentic Southern-style soul food. All the food at the dinner was prepared and cooked by local churches and volunteers.

Next week, at 6 p.m. Feb. 18, the library will screen The Great Detroit and filmmaker Anthony Brogdon will be available for a question and answer session with attendees.

Brogdon, a resident of Detroit, will share a positive story about the city, its people, and industries. He has been recognized by several organizations for his efforts in creating the film.

The event at Romulus Public Library will be an opportunity for the community of Romulus to be a part of sharing this positive outlook, officials noted.

Brogdon is currently working on and promoting his new film, Business in the Black. This film will examine the black business community in Detroit, starting with the height of the Black Bottom years through the 1960s. The film will also contain footage of recent interviews with people who are knowledgeable about the subject plus photos and narrative.



The Second Annual Black History Tour will leave Romulus City Hall at 4:30 Feb. 20 and stop at Underground Railroad sites in the city.



Rosie Chapman, known as Miz Rosie, will share stories of Rosa Parks at the library Feb. 23.

“What will make this film unique is depth with which we go to give a complete picture of the businesses and people who made Detroit so great,” Brogdon said.

The DVD of the film will be available for sale.

For more information, visit or call the library at (734) 942-7589.

The Romulus High School Drama Club will perform “Tambourines to Glory” by Langston Hughes in three performances; 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20

Hughes, an award-winning American poet, social activist, novelist playwright and columnist wrote “Tambourines to Glory” in 1956 as a gospel play with music. The play premiered on Broadway in 1963.

Tickets for the performances are \$7 and can be purchased in advance or at the



The Annual Soul Food Dinner attracted a large crowd of residents this week just as it did last year.

door:
The City of Romulus Appreciation Breakfast, organized by City of Romulus Community Services Department, is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22 at the Romulus Athletic Center.

A full breakfast is served at no charge and is followed by a community tribute program honoring local African-American residents for their contributions to the City of Romulus and abroad.

This program is open to the community, but attendees must RSVP by Monday, Feb. 15 by calling the mayor's office at (734) 942-7571.

Rosa Parks Children's Program is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Romulus Public Library.

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Township golf course contract is considered

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Last week, a Billy Casper Golf sales team presented the members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees forecasts, charts, graphs, weather data and new management ideas in an effort to obtain renewal of a soon-to-expire, five-year management contract at the township golf course.

Hilltop Golf Course, a one-time source of revenue for Plymouth Township, currently shows a \$460,000 deficit and has operated at a financial loss for several years. The Billy Casper representatives showed operating deficits for 2013 and 2104 and a break-even financial report for 2015 operations.

The 18-hole, par-70 course located within the 80-acre McClumpha Park has been a

long-time bone of contention among residents and trustees, many of whom have questioned the continuance of the money-losing operation with so many privately-owned courses in the area. The township course opened in 1927.

An audit, titled Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, prepared by Plymouth Township Sept. 22, 2015, shows a liability in the

amount of \$500,000 for the golf course—an amount owed to the township general fund which is explained as, “the long-term advance from the General Fund to the Golf Fund is cover operations and debt payments...”

Billy Casper Golf, LLC, based in Reston, VA, took over the management contract at the golf course in 2011 from competing

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CANTON

Police academy applications now accepted

The Canton Police Department is now accepting applications for the next Citizens Police Academy for individuals who are interested in acquiring insight and knowledge about how the police department works.

Individuals attending the academy will learn about the policies and operational procedures of the department through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities. Students' personal knowledge about the role of law enforcement in the criminal justice system will be enhanced, as well as their understanding of the training and education required for police officers to effectively handle the challenges of police work.

“Academy participants will gain insight into the difficult challenges law enforcement personnel face on a daily basis through interesting and informative instruction,” said Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler.

The overall mission of the Citizens Police Academy is to

develop positive relationships between citizens and police officers, enhancing cooperation, understanding, and general good will.

“We recognize the value of transparency in police work, and believe in the age-old concept of the police are the public and the public are the police,” said Mutchler.

“Last year, the department offered the first Citizens Police Academy in over 30 years and it was extremely well received by

participants,” said Mutchler. “We appreciate the public's interest in our agency and look forward to the opportunity of providing this worthwhile, educational program to the citizens of our community.”

Canton Police Department Citizens Police Academy will take place from 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays for six weeks, starting April 14 - May 19, with one Saturday morning session on May 7.

Class size is limited for this free program. Applicants must be residents of Canton Township; be

21 or older; have no felony convictions, and no misdemeanor convictions in the past 3 years and will be subject to a to a background check

Applications are available online at www.cantonpublicsafety.org, or in person at the front desk of the Canton Police Department located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 29. Questions can be directed to Staff Operations Sgt. James Harrison, (734) 394-5411.

Arrest made in bank robbery

Canton Township police have arrested a 26-year-old man in the armed robbery of the Citizens Bank Jan. 14.

Damon Ross Davis, Jr. of Canton was arraigned in 35th District Court following the police investigation of the attempted robbery which included assistance from the Michigan State Police and the Western-Wayne Community Response Team, a multi-jurisdictional task force that provides resources to participating agencies working large cases.

Davis is charged with one count of bank robbery and one count of robbery, armed which are both punishable by life in prison or a term of years.

Chief Judge Michael J. Gerou set Davis', bond at \$1 million or 10 percent and scheduled his preliminary court examination on the charges for Feb. 19.

The bank, located on the corner of Ford and Haggerty roads in Canton, provided surveillance camera video to police to aid in the investigation. The robber can be seen on the tape entering the bank and presenting a note to a teller demanding cash and a vehicle. The teller refused to comply, and the suspect exited the bank, removing his mask and heading south on foot, according to police reports.

No weapons were visible, police said, and no injuries were reported in the incident.



Damon Ross Davis, Jr.

Township water is safe

Officials in Canton Township have issued a statement assuring all residents that the drinking water in the community is safe and that they “take the safety of our water supply system very seriously.”

In a prepared statement, the officials said that each year, Canton issues a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) that gives a detailed analysis about where the water in Canton comes from and the treatment process the water goes through. The report also provides consumers with detailed information about the quality of their drinking water. The 2014 report as well as all reports dating back to 2003 can be found at www.canton-mi.org/210/Public-Works.

“Canton's water is tested for lead every three years, the last tests were taken in 2014 and showed no detection of lead,” the statement continued. “While it is not uncommon for many older communities to use lead piping for water services, Canton's infrastructure does not contain any lead services,” the prepared release stated.

The 2015 Consumer Confidence Report will be posted to the township website in June. Questions can be referred to the Canton Division of Public Works at (734) 397-1011.

Charter Township of Canton

Notice of Public Accuracy Test

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. The test will take place on **Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Clerk's Office, in the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY MARCH 3, 2016
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2015 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1539, 11609 Lehigh CT, R-1-E: The applicant is requesting one variance for detached garage height. Allowed detached height is 12 feet, applicant requesting a garage height of 17.9 feet. Variance requested is 5.9 feet.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 25 2016 for the following:

BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 25 2016 for the following:

FERTILIZER AND PLANT PROTECTANTS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Charter Township of Canton
Invitation To Bid

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2016 for the following:

CANTON SUBDIVISION ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS: ASPHALT

Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following approximate quantities of work:

Approximately 41,000 square yards of 1.5" thick HMA (Asphalt) milling and resurfacing of existing asphalt subdivision roadways along with pavement patching, curb and gutter repair/replacement, and all related work.

Bid Documents are on file with Ms. Terry Bennett, the Township Clerk

Bid Documents may be examined at the following locations: Canton Township -2nd Floor Engineering Services, Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction, Reed Construction Data, and Construction News Service of Michigan.

Bid Documents may be obtained from Northwest Consultants, Inc., 44978 Ford Road, Suite A, Canton, Michigan, 48187 for a non-refundable payment of twenty (\$20.00) dollars (if requested via mail, checks or money orders only, no cash - Payable to: Northwest Consultants, Inc).

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or bid bond in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount bid, drawn payable to the Charter Township of Canton as security for the proper execution of the Contract. Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the Project Name, Bidder's name, address and telephone number, and the date and time of bid opening.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bids should it consider same to be in its best interest. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendations of any bid.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 25 2016 for the following:

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Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO PUBLIC
BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton the March Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing to or in writing to the Board of Review. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 16, 2016 by 9:00 p.m.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review.

Tuesday, March 8, 2016	Organizational Meeting - 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (No Appointments)
Monday, March 14, 2016	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 15, 2016	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Wednesday, March 16, 2016	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Please be advised that after 4:30 p.m. entry to the building can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall.

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call the Assessor's Office at 734-394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
Charter Township of Canton Township

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NORTHVILLE - ROMULUS

Heroes’ names are sought

Those who wish to nominate a Hometown Hero in Romulus have only until next Tuesday, Feb. 16, to meet the deadline.

Do you know an educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference in the schools? A citizen who consistently demonstrates excellent community leadership by “stepping up to the plate” and has made a significant contribution to the community through his/her involvement by giving many hours of personal time? A courageous person who exemplifies courage, kindness, and unselfish character through their acts of heroism in or out of the community? A survivor who has gone above and beyond their own fight, has overcome the odds and is still forging ahead?

If so, the Romulus Citizens Academy Alumni Association would like to know about them and their contributions through a nominations for an award in cat-

egories including: Outstanding Educator; Survivor; Courage, and Citizen.

Nominations are open to the public and forms are available at Romulus City Hall,

Romulus Chamber of Commerce, Romulus Athletic Center, Romulus Library, and City of Romulus Website, <http://www.romulusgov.com/HometownHeroes>, where the forms can be downloaded. Applications and supporting documents must be returned by mail

to: Hometown Hero Nomination, C/O R.C.A.A.A.,PO Box 74364, Romulus, MI 48174

A committee will review all award applications and a selection will be made based on those recommendations. All residential and community members are encouraged to participate.

The Romulus Citizens Academy Alumni Association will host the 2016 Hometown Hero Awards on Friday, April 15, when the honorees for this year will be named.

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recommendations.”

Stage play entries now accepted

Tipping Point Theatre is now accepting submissions of 10-minute plays for the Sandbox Play Festival, part of Northville Arts and Acts.

The festival is designed to encourage and increase exposure for Michigan theater artists. Tipping Point will also be searching for actors and directors looking for opportunities to “get in the sand” and work on creating new theater. The festival is an opportunity for actors, directors and playwrights looking to showcase their work.

Submitted materials must include the name, full address, phone number and or e-mail of the author, along with one copy of the script.

Playwrights or plays that have specific ties to Michigan are given preference.

Submissions must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than April 1, and submitted pages will not be returned.

Plays must be original and those that have received staged readings or workshops are eligible. Submissions must have a running time of less than 15 minutes. There is a cast limit of four:

No adaptation, collaborations, or musicals will be eligible.

The exact number of plays presented at the festival depends on available space, time, and production requirements after the selection of the top prizes.

The first place winner will receive \$100 and the second place winner will be awarded \$50. There will also be an Audience Favorite award and Honorable Mention award announced during the Sandbox Play Festival last performance.

Submissions can be e-mailed to: andy@tippingpointtheatre.com or mailed to: Tipping Point Theatre, Sandbox Play Festival, 361 E. Cady St., Northville, MI 48167.



Members of the Romulus Progressive Association, above, were recognized at the 2015 City of Romulus Black History Appreciation Breakfast. Councilman William Wadsworth, photo at right, standing, was among the officials who attended the appreciation breakfast last year.



History

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Rosie Chapman, a.k.a. Miz Rosie, is a teacher, performing artist, author and school social worker who appears before audiences of all ages with storytelling. Her interactive performances are educational and entertaining.

Miz Rosie will share the story of Civil Rights activist Rosa Parks during the performance.

The Guidance Center will also be in attendance from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with information about early literacy, free giveaways and sending every child home with a free book.

The program is for ages 4 and older and no registration is required. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

The second Romulus Black History Bus Tour will leave Romulus City Hall at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 29.

The second year for this event, tourgoers will make stops around the city highlighting Romulus' rich history including sites that were locations for the Underground Railroad and others that were important to the Civil Rights movement within the city.

The bus will leave from the city hall parking lot and is expected to take about two hours.

Anyone wishing to attend should register by calling the mayor's office at (734) 942-7571 immediately as seats are limited to a first-come, first-serve basis.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF HEARING
ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:
Hearings are by appointment only, please call 354-3269, between 8 am and 4:30 pm to arrange for an appointment.

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW:

Tuesday, March 8, 2016	9 am - Noon	Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2016	2 pm - 5 pm 6 pm - 9 pm	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
Wednesday, March 16, 2016	9 am - Noon 2 pm - 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 19, 2016	9 am - 11 am	First Come - First Served

Other Hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board of Review. A personal appearance is not required. Written protests to the Board of Review must be received by mail or delivered in person to the Assessing Office by the close of business on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 4:30 pm.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.
Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
Notice of Public Hearing and Proposed Projects
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
FY 2016/2017

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Romulus is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and is scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, **February 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm** for the purpose of receiving comments or suggestions regarding projects for the fiscal year 2016/2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an **ESTIMATED** \$168,250.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, preserving deteriorating housing, improving recreational facilities and programs and assisting in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

Pending actual funding availability, the City proposes to carry out the following eligible activities with the respective estimated amounts.

OBJECTIVES:

A. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
B. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income Limited Clientele (LMC) Persons
C. Addressing Slums and Blight or Low and Moderate Income Housing Benefit
D. Meeting a particularly urgent community development need

ACTIVITY	FY 2016/2017 Proposed Projects Amount:	* Objectives Met:
Senior Services/Public Services - LMC - 05A	\$ 25,237	A & B
Park/Recreation Facilities – LMA -03F	\$ 52,588	A
Clearance, Demo, Remediation - LMA -04	\$ 73,600	C
General Administration - 21A (10%)	<u>\$ 16,825</u>	A
Sub-Total	\$168,250	
Housing Rehabilitation LMH –from Program Income	<u>\$ 5,000</u> \$173,250	B & C

The Public is invited to attend and comment during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before February 22, 2016. The City of Romulus will provide reasonable accommodations for those individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services. For further information, contact the Economic Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 942-7545.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Larry Vogel - 14645 Hannan Road
WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 2, 2016** for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider the following variances for the construction of a new single-family residence:

1. **Side Yard Setback Variance.** A variance from Section 3.07(a), Schedule of Regulations, RCO, Rural Character Overlay District of the Zoning Ordinance is requested to allow an 18-foot side setback; a side setback of 20 feet is required.
2. **Floor Area Variance.** A variance from Section 3.07(a), Schedule of Regulations, RCO, Rural Character Overlay District of the Zoning Ordinance is requested to allow the floor area of a new residence to be 1,296 sq. ft.; the minimum floor area required is 1,500 sq. ft.

The subject property is located at 14645 Hannan. DP#82-80-119-99-0021-720

Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, March 2, 2016 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Plymouth



Taking charge

Regular officers of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club stepped aside during their recent Friday meeting at the Community Center when teens from the Interact Club and National Honor Society at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park ran the meeting. Co-Presidents Devankar Mukhi and Luis Orozco called the group to order after outgoing President Hussain Abdelhaviz acted as the greeter. The teens led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test. Interact visitors also included Rachel Pannes, Rouxan Shi, Karla Montgomery and Jennifer Berels and National Honor Society members included Madeline Leyden, Evan Claggett, Elizabeth Yager, Kayla Ross and Regan Fleisher. Photo by Helen Yancy.

Golf course contract considered by trustees

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American Golf Corporation. Casper manages all aspects of the business including property and financial management, marketing, staffing, training and clubhouse operations. When the contract was approved, township officials approved \$150,000 to improve the Hilltop facility and attract more business. Since 2011, the course has continued to operate at loss under the Billy Casper management agreement, with the exception of the 2015 report which claims the course “broke even” with the \$500,000 subsidy from the general fund.

Billy Casper's Regional Director Nick Bednar said, “I don't think it's a secret that golf courses post-recession have struggled.”

Many disillusioned golfers, some of whom posted comments about the Hilltop course on golf websites say tee-times are often over-booked.

“By far the worst course I've ever been to. I hate any golf course that packs people in for more money,” said one disgruntled player in a post. “The course layout was

atrocious, too hilly, tree roots on the cart paths everywhere,” said another.

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz said he felt there were, “Too many holes on too little land.”

Many residents who voiced their concerns said they objected to the townships' rampant investments for recreation and think the golf course is an unnecessary and poor business investment; none however said they would want the land developed with homes, condominiums or businesses, if the golf course were to be eliminated.

Bednar said the company goal for 2016 is to increase sales growth with the number of rounds, citing that if they can get 28,066 rounds it would produce revenue of \$642,000, facilitating another break-even point.

Doroshewitz told Bednar, “Rounds may go up but revenue doesn't necessarily go up,” and told the sales team he was “pretty disappointed” with their performance, complaining that sales and status reports have been absent for years and phone calls are not returned. Further discussion indicated that Billy Casper LLC had been

sending the reports to Township Treasurer Ron Edwards and later to Parks Director Mike Mitchell and neither had shared the information with the trustees.

Trustee Chuck Curmi wanted to know what was on Billy Casper's list of improvements. Bednar said the improvements would include maintenance to the cart-paths or building new cart paths.

Supervisor Shannon Price said that in the review of the golf course operations, officials are also looking into the feasibility of building a new banquet/bar-restaurant facility, “like the one located at Idyl Wyld Golf Course on Five Mile Road in Livonia.”

“This is something Ron (Edwards) has always wanted, in fact at one time he thought about raising the roof on the clubhouse,” Price said later:

Price said the most desirable area for a new facility would be in the triangle, a sec-

tion bordered by Beck Road to the west, Powell Road (service drive) to the north and Ann Arbor Trail to the south.

Hilltop is exempt from property tax as the land is public. If Hilltop were taxable the added tax burden to the operation could be as much as \$40,000 annually according to people familiar with land assessments.

In contrast, just four miles from Hilltop and still within township borders is The Inn at St. John, located at Five Mile and Sheldon Road. That facility pays more than \$400,000 annually in real estate tax.

“We'd have a third party developer who'd pay for it...build it and run it,” Price said of the proposed new banquet facility, although he did not identify any interested developer.

Township trustees are expected to vote on the contract with Billy Casper next week during the regular meeting.

Charter Township of Canton
Invitation To Bid

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2016 for the following:

CANTON SUBDIVISION ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS: CONCRETE

Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following approximate quantities of work:

Approximately 30,000 square yards of concrete pavement improvements of existing concrete subdivision roadways including both full depth concrete pavement patching, concrete pavement reconstruction, and all related work.

Bid Documents are on file with Ms. Terry Bennett, the Township Clerk

Bid Documents may be examined at the following locations: Canton Township -2nd Floor Engineering Services, Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction, Reed Construction Data, and Construction News Service of Michigan.

Bid Documents may be obtained from Northwest Consultants, Inc., 44978 Ford Road, Suite A, Canton, Michigan, 48187 for a non-refundable payment of twenty (\$20.00) dollars (if requested via mail, checks or money orders only, no cash - Payable to: Northwest Consultants, Inc).

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or bid bond in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount bid, drawn payable to the Charter Township of Canton as security for the proper execution of the Contract. Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the Project Name, Bidder's name, address and telephone number, and the date and time of bid opening.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bids should it consider same to be in its best interest. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendations of any bid.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton Michigan will accept sealed Bids for the construction of the Canton Water Storage Implementation at the office of the Clerk until 3:00 pm local time on March 10, 2016 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read for the following:

CANTON WATER STORAGE IMPLEMENTATION

The proposed project includes the following major elements:

- Installation of new 2.5 million gallon (MG) pre-cast concrete ground storage tank,
- Installation of new 18 million gallon per day (MGD) booster station,
- Modifications to the control valves at the metered feeds known as CA-03, CA-04, and Ford and Morton Taylor PRV Vault with the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD),
- Installation of SCADA remote monitoring elements at the metered feeds known as CA-03, CA-04, and CA-07, and
- Modifications to Plymouth Christian Fellowship Church site to facilitate access to new booster station and ground storage facility, remove/replace the existing parking, stormwater management system replacement, and various additional site improvements.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz, & McClimment, Inc. (d.b.a. OHM Advisors), 34000 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations after February 12, 2016 at 1:00 pm:

- The office of the ENGINEER
- Dodge Data & Analytics, www.dodgeproducts.construction.com
- The Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), www.cam-online.com
- CMD Group, www.cmdgroup.com
- Charter Township of Canton - Public Works

Bidding Documents may be obtained after February 12, 2016 at 1:00 pm at the office of the ENGINEER upon payment of forty dollars (\$40.00) non-refundable deposit. An additional, non-refundable charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) will be required for mailing Bidding Documents. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Bidders should direct correspondence to the ENGINEER.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid. Bids shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes plainly marked with the project name and the name of the bidder.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids. This time period may be extended by mutual agreement of the Owner and any Bidder or Bidders. The OWNER reserves the right to accept any or all Bids and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all Bids; and in general to make the award of the Contract in any manner deemed by the OWNER, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the OWNER.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 am local time on February 17, 2016 at the Charter Township of Canton Public Works Building, 4847 Sheldon Road, Canton, MI 48188. Bidders that fail to attend will be unable to bid on the project.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 25, 2016
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
Stacy Paige, City Treasurer

1. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-114 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 11, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-115 2B. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Makowski to approve the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on Monday January 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Study Session, Restated City of Romulus Employee Pension Ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

3A. Petitioner:
Petitioner, Charles Miller addressed the council with his concerns regarding homes in Romulus that have lead pipes and testing of the water that comes out of the tap in homes. He also commented on the Flint Water Crisis. Mr. Miller shared with council information regarding water filters and test kits. Mr. Miller asked the Mayor if he could make available a pamphlet with general information for residents regarding lead testing and water filters. *Keith Boc, DPW Assistant, S-1 Certified, reported that the testing in Romulus which was done at the tap has had good results. The testing results are published in the annual water report.

4. Chairperson's Report:
Mr. Barden commented on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration. *Councilman Crout requested a Memorial Resolution for Willie Watson. Mayor Burcroff, and Council members, Crout, Barden and Wadsworth shared their memories of Willie Watson.

16-116 4(a). Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Willie Watson. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

4. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to accept the Chairperson's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff asked Council to adopt a resolution to recognize February as Black History Month for the City of Romulus. Dennis Davidson announced community events for the City of Romulus for February and March. **16-117 5(a)** Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a resolution recognizing February as Black History Month. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-118 5A1. Moved by Makowski, supported by Roscoe, to award Bid ITB 15/16-06 for the acquisition of a 13.9/14 yard tandem axle dump truck for the City of Romulus Department of Public Works to Wolverine Freightliner-Westside, Inc. in the amount of \$133,043.00 for the purchase of the base vehicle as specified in the bid documents (\$127,766) along with both Options #1 (\$1,237-DC Box vibrator) and #2 (\$4,040 - Heated body kit installed). **Motion Carried Unanimously**

6A. Clerk's Report
16-119 6A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout, to approve second reading, final adoption of the Restated City of Romulus Employee Pension Ordinance. This Ordinance was introduced at the Council meeting of January 11, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

16-120 6A2. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe, to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 15/16-14. This budget amendment was introduced at the Council meeting of January 11, 2016.

FUND/DEPT.	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET
ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME		
General Fund Revenue		
01-336-679.000	Fire Dept. Cost Recovery	30,000 10,000 40,000
Expense		
101-336-818.000	Fire Dept. Contractual Services	5,000 10,000 15,000

To increase the cost recovery contractual cost with offsetting revenues. - Note: This has no effect on the General Fund's fund balance. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report:
16-121 6B1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo, to approve the City of Romulus Investment Policy. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

7. Public Comment
Resident, Jan Lemmon commented on the water crisis in Flint Michigan and announced the Euchre Tournament Fundraiser which will benefit the Romulus Cemetery. *Resident, Virginia Williams commented on the Flint Water Crisis and thanked everyone who made a donation to purchase water for Flint residents and added that anyone interested in donating may contact her at 734-673-8396. *Resident, Ed Buczkowski thanked the Fire department for their prompt response to his call.

8. Unfinished Business
Councilman Wadsworth mentioned that residents were pleased with the clean-up of debris from a house that had burned down a year ago on Middlebelt and Pennsylvania. * Councilman Wadsworth met with about 10 residents that live near the flea market located on Middlebelt Road concerning a big barn located on the property that is in poor condition and about to come down. 60% of the roof is gone; children has been seen playing on top of the roof. The residents provided Mr. Wadsworth with pictures of the building. Mr. Wadsworth gave pictures to the Mayor and asked if the Ordinance department could go and investigate. *Councilman Wadsworth commented about a house located on Taft Street that is deplorable condition; it has a blue tarp on the roof; no one lives in the house; it is a negative eye-sore for the residents that live nearby. Mr. Wadsworth asked the Mayor to send Building department to investigate. *Councilwoman Abdo mentioned that her students are collecting money for water. Their goal is to raise \$100 and asked if anyone would like to match the \$100 in order to purchase a pallet of water.

9. New Business:
Councilwoman Makowski spoke about the various programs at the Romulus Library and thanked everyone who participated in the Library Fundraiser.

10. Communication
16-122 11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to pay Warrant 16-02 in the amount of \$2,784,631.04. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Wadsworth to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 25, 2016.
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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Computer crime fighter Wayne-Westland police using new software to report incidents

Most police departments lack the tools to determine if their training, equipment, techniques and policies are effective. Soon this will no longer be the case for both the Wayne and Westland police departments.

Both departments are implementing Force LMS (Liability Management Solution), a new software program that will allow them to make informed decisions to increase citizen and officer safety and decrease liability.

Force Liability Management Solution was developed by AM Data Service, a software development and IT managed service company, in concert with Center Mass, a law enforcement training organization owned by Jeff Felts, a retired Wayne police officer. Both companies are located in Livonia.

The developers recently donated Force LMS to the Wayne Police Department, which includes installation and configuration in addition to maintenance for five years. Police Chief Alan Maciag invited them to present a system overview at a Police Community Meeting earlier this month at the Wayne Police Department.

“I believe in transparency and this is part of that,” Maciag said. “We need to show the public what’s going on. In these tough times we’re productive and getting things done but we need to do things differently.”

Currently the department uses paper forms to document and report training, uses of force and pursuits. With Force LMS, they will enter this information into an automated system. Supervisors can review and approve information in this same system instead of moving paper around the precinct.

“So here’s part of the problem,” Felts, a Canton Township resident, said. “In most police departments, it goes like this. We’ve got three boxes. These are where all our training files are kept. One box is for use-of-force incidents, one box is for training, one box is for pursuits. How many pursuits do you think don’t end in some sort of use of force? The bad guy is running because he doesn’t want to go to jail! They generally just don’t give up and say, ‘OK, you got me.’ Either they’re going to keep running and fight when they get out or they’re going to fight when you chase them down. They don’t want to go to jail.

“But use of force generally is not associated with driving and pursuits. This training officer over here isn’t talking to this training officer over here. None of them really communicate or share the information, even in a small police department. And that’s one of the major problems. We’re going to change that ... with this program.”

Felts guarantees Force LMS will lead to changes in the way the department polices the City of Wayne.

“They’re going to see the things they’re doing aren’t actually the best things to be doing and they’ll be able to make the changes they need to make for all the reasons we’re talking about: the officers’ safety, your safety, community support and, most of all, transparency,” he said.

Police agencies are generally slow to change or evolve their training, equipment and policies simply because they don’t have the information required to validate what is working and what isn’t.

“The only time training really changes mandatorily in police work is when an employee does such an egregious act that you have to change it because it cannot happen again,” Felts said. “That’s one way training changes, that’s one way policy changes. The other time that happens is when the laws actually change and the law forces us. The other time it happens is through lawsuits, whether it’s directly against us or if it’s case law established out



Audience members packed the meeting room to hear the presentation by officials from AM Data Solutions about the new police software being donated to the Wayne Police Department.



Wayne resident Nancy Pride discusses use of force with Rich Miller, owner of AM Data Service, and Jeff Felts, owner of Center Mass.

there that says we need to do this or that.

“A lot of places don’t listen to the case law until it rears up and bites them in the rear end. So we repeat. This is the problem, folks. And we repeat it because we assume that what we’re doing – our training, our policy and our equipment - are the absolute best means to an end or we wouldn’t have that. Nobody’s trying to be sly or anything like that, we just haven’t taken the time to see what actually works and what really doesn’t work. And the only way you can do that is through reviewing effectiveness to every use of force officers deploy.”

Force LMS tracks every use of force, including suspects’ demographics; where it happened and under which conditions; which technique departments are using most and how effective each technique is;

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BELLEVILLE

Angry parents question school board

The largest crowd in two decades appeared at the Jan. 25 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education to criticize both the superintendent of schools and the high school principal's recent handling of a student found with a handgun.

Parents were also vocal about the determination of the Michigan State Board of Education that cheating took place during M-STEP testing at Savage Elementary School that resulted in the suspension of five teachers.

Richard Ryman acted as the spokesperson for a number of parents at the meeting who he said were afraid to speak to the board members publicly for fear of retribution. He said that since Michael Van Tassel became superintendent of schools, 164 teachers have left the district and

said there is now a hostile working environment in the schools.

He asked the board members for an independent investigation of the schools regarding the working environment. He also criticized the dismissal of the five Savage teachers, who, he said, were walked out of the building during school hours when students were in class.

Board member Sherry Frazier said that the board members had no knowledge of the teachers being walked out of the school. Members of the audience responded that Director of Curriculum Jeff Moore knew of the situation.

Board President Brent Mikulski asked, through a written statement he read, that no employees be named at the board meeting and that names not be used regarding the testing

at Savage or the student with the gun at the high school.

Parents said they were upset and concerned when both Van Tassel and Belleville High School principal Abdul Madyun did not notify them of the student found at the high school with the gun on Jan. 15. A 14-year-old was apprehended by administrators at the school with an unloaded gun and live ammunition in a backpack. Parents were not notified of the incident until it was reported on WDIV TV news Jan. 22, a week after the fact.

Van Tassel subsequently addressed the situation on the district website and agreed that while the correct procedures in handling the situation, which ultimately saw the student expelled, the district had failed in notifying parents. He also addressed the cheating allegations on the website, but has made no other public comment on either situation.

Rytman told the board emphatically that when the student thought about bringing a gun to school he endangered the

students. "When he entered that building with a gun, he endangered all the students."

Rytman also told the board members that all the information regarding the investigation into the M-Step testing was not provided to them. He said students were questioned by investigators several times and asked questions in various ways and many of the children were confused and upset and could have provided incorrect answers to the questions.

"This is setting the board up for a lawsuit," Rytman said. "The entire investigation is in jeopardy because of the way it was handled."

Van Tassel did not speak during the meeting and has refused to speak or make any comment to the media regarding the situation.

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Calendar of events

Swimming sessions available

Registration for the winter session of swimming sessions at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) is now under way and will continue through Feb. 26. Registration will be closed (online and at the office) Feb. 15-19 and will reopen Feb.20.

The pool will be closed Feb. 13 through 20 to complete updates. Visit www.PlymouthPARC.com [<http://plymouthparc.com/>] to register.

PARC aquatics program is a swim program dedicated to providing a quality and price friendly aquatics program to all ages offering a variety of swim programs to fit the needs of begin-

ners, recreational, and competitive swimmers. Classes are taught by certified staff members.

Summer Camp registration opens

Maybury Farm will offer Day Camp for Kids again this summer. Maybury Farm Day Camp is a total hands-on experience that offers a wide variety of activities that are both educational and fun-filled, according to Northville Community Foundation President Jessica Striegle. Campers will enjoy learning about farm animals including grooming, feeding and walking. Campers will take nature hikes, do crafts, play games and learn team building skills as they get to know all about farm life and the

importance of farm animals in our everyday lives.

Maybury Farm Summer Day Camp is open to boys and girls ages 5-12 years old. Camp hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from June 21 until Aug. 18. There will be no camp the week of July 4. The cost is \$60 per camper per day or \$150 per week, Tuesday through Thursday. Campers can sign up for one day or join for a whole week.

To register for Day Camp, call (248)374-0200 or visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org. Space is limited.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville.

It is 1-1/4 mile west of Beck Road on Eight Mile, 1/2 mile west of Maybury State Park.

Inspire Theatre presents lady pirates

Inspire Theater will present The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree weekends through Feb. 14 at the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road in Westland.

The play features the crew of the Kala Mae in their swashbuckling musical tale of Captain Bree and her lady pirates roaming the Seven Seas in search of adventure, love and laughter.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets, priced at \$16 for the musical comedy, are available by

Count Me In storytime continues

The Canton Library is offering storytime for children with special needs, Count Me In, at 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The storytimes are designed for young children with developmental displays and disabilities. The programs are funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Programs are planned for Feb. 13, March 12, April 23, May 21 and June 18 at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Road.

For information, call (734) 397-0999.

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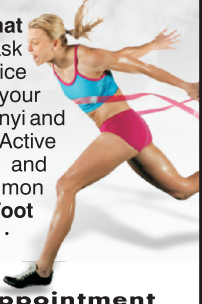
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Hot Reads for Cold Nights

The Adult Winter Reading Program will be under way at the Romulus Community Library through March 30.

Readers should register at the front desk to receive a reading log and record each book read by March 30 when a reception including food, hot cocoa and prize drawings will take place at 6:30 p.m.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Teen reading program planned

The Romulus Public Library Teen Winter Reading Program will take place through March 3 for ages 12 through 17.

Teens can read and collect prizes. Those filling up their entire reading card will win a free book and entry into a special drawing.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Used books for sale

The Friends of the Westland Library Book Sale is planned for Feb. 12-14 with hours from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday and from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday, which is also \$4 per bag sale day.

All paperback fiction books are priced at only a dime for this sale only.

There will be DVDs, CDs, hardcover books, large and small paperbacks, videos, cassettes, records and magazines for sale.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland.

Teen writers to meet

The Romulus Community Library is hosting a writing club for teens to share creativity.

Meetings take place from 4-5

p.m. the last Monday of the month through Feb. 29.

Light refreshments will be served.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Fireman's Ball planned

The Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund will present the 13th Annual Fireman's Ball from 6 p.m. until midnight Feb. 13 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

Tickets, priced at \$75 per person, include dinner, drinks and dancing to music from the Killer Flamigos.

Raffles and silent and live auctions are planned during the evening.

To purchase tickets, become a sponsor or donate, contact (734) 219-3961 or visit www.NTFFCharityFund.com

Senior Health Screening set

Wayne Senior Services will host a free, one-stop health screening from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Feb. 16 at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne

The screenings, provided by Beaumont Community Health, are open to anyone older than 18. No fasting and no appointment is necessary.

For information, call (734)721-7460.

Butterflies are topic

Monarchs, milkweeds, and disease: Current patterns and future problems will be the topics at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17 at the meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA).

Professor Mark Hunter from the University of Michigan will discuss the current patterns and future problems for Monarch butterflies.

The meeting will take place at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48186. Parking is available on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor

Trail. Admission is \$3 for non-members. For more information, call (734) 223-5510. A full calendar of events and more information is available at www.sem-butterfly.org.

Elder law discussed

Wayne Senior Services will present a free legal presentation and assistance program at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road.

The program is open to those 60 and older. The discussion will be led by representatives from the Elder Law and Advocacy Center of Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan.

Pre-registration is requested at (734) 721-7460.

Needlecraft group to meet

The Needlecrafts group will meet at 6:30 at the Belleville Area District Library every other Thursday, Feb. 18, March 3, March 17 and March 31.

All skill levels are welcome and the group includes knitting, crochet, embroidery, weaving and needlepoint.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

Eagles plan Mardi Gras

The Van Buren Eagles are planning a Mardi Gras 2016 party beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Eagles Hall, 9961 Beck Road in Van Buren Township.

The event will feature an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Music will be by Monsieur Guillame and His Zydeco Hepcats. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, if available.

For information and reservations, call Keith and Ginger Bruder; (734) 461-2498.

Indoor Golf planned

Friends of the Wayne Public Library have planned an Indoor Mini Golf Fundraiser from noon until 4 p.m. Feb. 20.



Doggone good time

Barefoot Productions Theatre is home to a new 'dog' who is causing headaches, heartaches and laughs in the upcoming production of SYLVIA, a modern romantic comedy written by celebrated playwright, A.R. Gurney. The comedy takes to the stage at 8 p.m. Feb. 12, 13, 19 and 20 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 14 and 21. Tickets range \$15 - \$17 and can be purchased online at www.justgobarefoot.com or by calling the box office at (734) 404-6889. Barefoot Productions Theatre is an intimate 99 seat theater located at 240 N. Main St., Plymouth.

Organizers will turn the library into a not-too-challenging mini golf course complete with 18 holes. There will also be a gift basket raffle, and lunch will be sold at the “19th hole”. The library will be closed this day for normal use.

Student tickets for ages 6-18 are \$3; adult tickets for those 18 and older are \$5 and family tickets for up to six people are \$15. Children under age 5 golf for free.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available at the Circulation Desk at the library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne.

State of the City addressed

In partnership with the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Mayor William R.

Wild will deliver his annual State of the City Address at noon Feb. 23 at The Hellenic Cultural Center, located at 36375 Joy Road. Wild will reflect on the accomplishments of the city this year and outline his vision for the future, he said.

“My 2015 State of the City Address focused on all the amazing accomplishments and projects the City of Westland saw throughout the year,” commented Wild.

“With this address, we look to the future. I look forward to sharing all of the exciting things we are working on during this year which is the 50th anniversary of Westland.”

Tickets for the luncheon event are available through the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222.

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